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FOR PROCESSING AND TREATING)
A BIOLOGICAL FLUID)
Group Art Unit: 1724)
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Enclosed herewith is an International Search Report for the present application (Citation No. 16) and the patents referenced therein (or U.S. counterparts thereof) that have not previously been made of record in this application. Also enclosed are patents cited in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/325,325, filed simultaneously with the present application on June 3, 1999. Additional patents referenced in the specification are also enclosed, including U.S. Patent No. 4,294,247.

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Respectfully submitted,

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